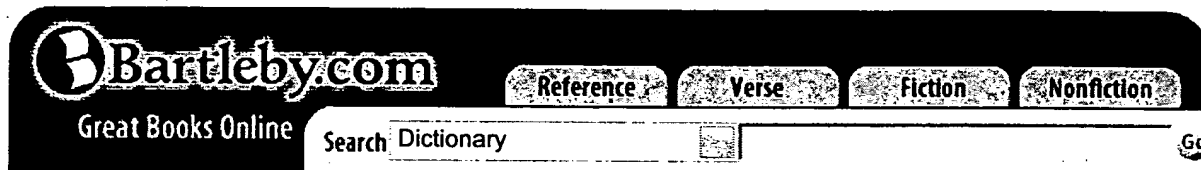




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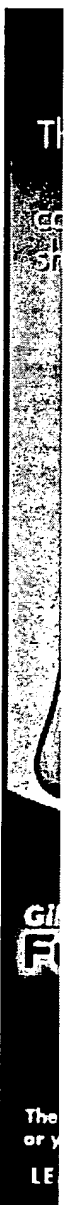
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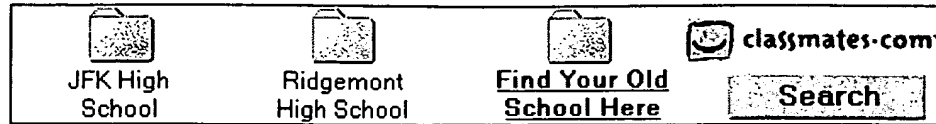
ADJECTIVE: Inflected forms: **clos-er, clos-est**

1. Being near in space or time. See Usage Note at **redundancy**. 2. Being near in relationship: *close relatives*. 3. Bound by mutual interests, loyalties, or affections; intimate: *close friends*. 4. Having little or no space between elements or parts; tight and compact: *a close weave*. 5. Being near the surface; short: *a close haircut*. 6. Being on the brink of: *close to tears*. 7. Decided by a narrow margin; almost even: *a close election*. 8. Faithful to the original: *a close copy*. 9. Rigorous; thorough: *close attention; close supervision*. 10. Shut; closed. 11. Shut in; enclosed. 12. Confining or narrow; crowded: *close quarters*. 13. Fitting tightly: *close garments*. 14. Lacking fresh air; stuffy: *a close room*. 15. Confined to specific persons or groups: *a close secret*. 16. Strictly confined or guarded: *kept under close custody*. 17. Hidden from view; secluded. 18. Secretive; reticent: *was close about her personal life*. 19. Giving or spending with reluctance; stingy. 20. Not easily acquired; scarce: *Money was close*. 21. **Linguistics** Pronounced with the tongue near the palate, as the *ee* in *meet*. Used of vowels. 22. Marked by more rather than less punctuation, especially commas.

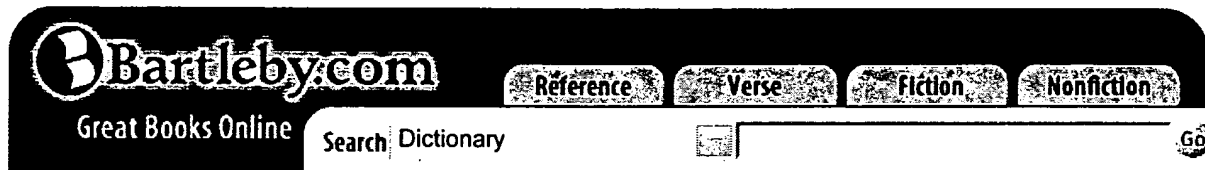
VERB: Inflected forms: **closed, clos-ing, clos-es**
(klōz)

TRANSITIVE VERB: 1. To move (a door, for example) so that an opening or passage is covered or obstructed; shut. 2. To bar access to: *closed the road for repairs*. 3. To fill or stop up: *closed the cracks with plaster*. 4. To stop the operations of permanently or temporarily: *closed down the factory*. 5. To make unavailable for use: *closed the area to development; closed*





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PRONUNCIATION: klōzd

ADJECTIVE: 1. Having boundaries; enclosed: *a closed corridor between the two buildings*. 2. Blocked or barred to passage or entry: *a closed port*. 3. Explicitly limited; restricted: *closed membership*. 4. Self-contained or self-sufficient: *a closed relationship*. 5. Barred to the public; conducted in secrecy: *a closed session of the judiciary committee*. 6. *Mathematics* **a.** Of or relating to a curve, such as a circle, having no endpoints. **b.** Of or relating to a surface having no boundary curves. **c.** Of or relating to an interval containing both its endpoints. **d.** Characterized by or possessing the property by which an operation acting on an element in a set produces an element within the set. 7. *Computer Science* Of or relating to a file that cannot be accessed. 8. *Electricity* Allowing electricity to flow or pass: *a closed switch*. 9. *Linguistics* Ending in a consonant: *a closed syllable*. 10. *Sports* **a.** Having the forward foot closer to the intended point of impact with the ball than the rear foot: *a closed batting stance*. **b.** Held or swung with the top or outer edge of the striking face pointing slightly closer to the objective than the lower or inner edge: *The club face was closed when it hit the ball, causing a hook*.

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